GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Certain allegations of misappropriation of funds in Urban Forestry Wing, VMRDA - Departmental action initiated against Sri B.Raja Rao, worked as Divisional Forest Officer on deputation in VMRDA and 3 other Officers of VMRDA, Visakhapatnam – Articles of charges framed – Inquiry conducted - Charges held 'not proved' against 1) B.Raja Rao, ACF (2) I.S.Subba Rao, Administrative Officer(Retired), (3) Ch.Appala Raju, TWI & I/c FRO-I(Retired) and (4) T.Satyanarayana, Technical Work Inspector & FRO-II VMRDA, Visakhapatnam – Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.616 **Dated:13.08.2024.**

Read the following:-

1. Proceedings of the MC., VMRDA., in Rc.No.79/2018/A1-16, dt.03.10.2021.
2. From the Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam, Letter Rc.No.79/2018/A1, dated.31.12.2021.
3. Govt. Memo. No.1618746/Vig.I/2022, dated.22.06.2022
4. G.O.Rt.No.82 to 83, MA&UD (Vig.1) Department, dated.22.06.2022.
5. G.O.Rt.No.432 to 434, MA&UD (Vig.1) Department, dated.22.06.2022.
6. Written Statement of Defence of Sri.Ch. Appala Raju, dt:- 09.11.2022 Sri. T.Satyanarana Rao dt:09.01.2023 , and served copies of Sri B.Raja Rao, A.C.F., the VMRDA, and Sri. I.S. Subba Rao ,A.O.(retired)
7. G.O.Rt.No.324, MA&UD (Vig.1) Department, dated.16.05.2023.
8. G.O.Rt.No.325, MA&UD (Vig.1) Department, dated.16.05.2023
9. From the Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA, Visakhapatnam, RC.No.79/2018/A1, Dt.18.08.2023.
10. G.O.Rt.No.532, MA&UD (Vig.1) Department, dated.24.08.2023
11. From the Inquiry Officer Lr.No.VMRDA/Inquiry/2023 dated:10.01.2024.
12. Govt. Memo. No.1618746/Vig.I/2022, dated.19.03.2024
13. From the Metropolitan Commissioner VMRDA.Letter.Rc,No.79 /2018/A1 (703686),dated.02.04.2024.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the MC, VMRDA initiated departmental action against Sri T.Satyanarayana, Technical Work Inspector & FRO-II VMRDA, Visakhapatnam, on certain irregularities and misappropriation of funds in incurring expenditure under contingent during March, 2018 took place in the Urban Forestry Wing, VMRDA. Subsequently, based on the report of the Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam in the reference 2nd read above, the Government in the reference 4th & 5th read above, initiated departmental action by issuing article of charges against (1) B.Raja Rao, ACF (2) I.S.Subba Rao, Admn., Officer(Retired), and (3) Ch.Appala Raju, TWI & I/c FRO-I (Retired) under Rule-20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 r/w Rule 9 of APRPR, 1980,duly directing them to submit their written statement of defence thereon.

2. In reply to charges, in the reference 6th read above, Sri.Ch. Appala Raju, and Sri. T.Satyanarana Rao Technical Work Inspector & FRO-II VMRDA, Visakhapatnam have submitted their written statement of defence. Among

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others, they denied the charges framed against them and requested to exonerate them from the charges. In respect of Sri (1) B.Raja Rao, ACF and (2)I.S.Subba Rao, Admn., Officer(Retired), served copies were received.

3. Government after examination of the matter and following due procedure, issued orders, vide G.O. 7th read above, appointing Sri K. Venugopala Rao, SE, GVMC, Visakhapatnam., as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against the said charged officers. In the reference 8th read above, Sri K. Ratnala Raju, EE, GVMC., was appointed as Presenting Officer. Further, as per the request of the M.C., VMRDA, in the reference 9th read above, the Govt., appointed Sri V. Sudhakar, EE, GVMC, Visakhapatnam as Presenting Officer in place of Sri K. Ratnala Raju, EE, GVMC, in the reference 10th read above.

4. In the reference 11th read above, Sri K. Venugopala Rao, SE, GVMC, Visakhapatnam & Inquiry Officer, Guntur has submitted Inquiry report, concluding that the charges framed against (1) B.Raja Rao, ACF (2) I.S.Subba Rao, Admn. , Officer(Retired), (3) Ch.Appala Raju, TWI & I/c FRO-I(Retired) and (4) T.Satyanarayana, Technical Work Inspector & FRO-II VMRDA, Visakhapatnam were held 'not proved' in the Inquiry.

5. Government have examined the Inquiry report and communicated a copy of Inquiry report to the said all C.O.s under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991 directing them to submit their written representations, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry officer vide reference 12th read above.

6. In the reference 13th read above, the Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam has forwarded the written representations of all the above (4) C.Os., wherein they have accepted the findings of Inquiry officer and requested the Govt. to drop further action against them.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter; keeping in view of the inquiry report and after following due procedure, it has been decided to drop further action against the all C.O.s i.e., (1) B.Raja Rao, ACF (2) I.S.Subba Rao, Admn.,Officer(Retired), (3) Ch.Appala Raju, TWI & I/c FRO-I(Retired) and (4) T.Satyanarayana, Technical Work Inspector & FRO-II VMRDA, Visakhapatnam, as the charges are held not proved in the Inquiry.

8. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against (1) B.Raja Rao, ACF (2) I.S.Subba Rao, Admn.,Officer(Retired), (3) Ch.Appala Raju, TWI & I/c FRO-I(Retired) and (4) T.Satyanarayana, Technical Work Inspector & FRO-II VMRDA, Visakhapatnam.

9. The Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

10. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ANIL KUMAR SINGHAL
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri B.Raja Rao, the then ACF, VMRDA,
Sri I.S.Subba Rao, Administrative Officer(Retired)

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Sri Ch.Appala Raju, TWI & I/c FRO-I(Retired)
Sri T.Satyanarayana, Technical Work Inspector & FRO-II
(**through** The Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam).
The Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam.

Copy to:

The Commissioner, GVMC, Visakhapatnam
The Engineer-in-Chief, P.H., Tadepalli, Guntur
The EFS&T(Sec.IV) Department
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat.
SF / SC (E.No.1618746).

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER